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To Comment**Dec 6
L20907535**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY
TO OBJECT
USDA - FOREST SERVICE
TECKLA-OSAGE-RAPID CITY
230 KV TRANSMISSION LINE
PROJECT
BLACK HILLS NATIONAL
FOREST
PENNINGTON COUNTY,
SOUTH DAKOTA**

The Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) has been completed for the Teckla-Osage-Rapid City 230 kV Transmission Line Project (the Project). The FEIS is available on the Black Hills National Forest web site at <http://go.usa.gov/Bh1>. The transmission line is proposed to strengthen the transmission network, improve transmission system reliability, and to help meet future demand for electricity and economic development in the region. The proposal is to construct and operate a 230 kV transmission line connecting the Teckla Substation in Campbell County, Wyoming, to the Osage Substation in Weston County, Wyoming, and the Lange Substation located in Pennington County near Rapid City, South Dakota. The proposed line would run across Federal lands managed by the Thunder Basin National Grassland (TBNG), and the Mystic Ranger District of the Black Hills National Forest (BHNF), as well as lands of other ownerships. Supervisors of the TBNG and BHNF will make the decisions on this proposal for the respective Federal lands they manage.

A draft Record of Decision (ROD) for that portion proposed to cross the BHNF is available with the FEIS. The draft ROD indicates the decision maker will select Alternative 3, Proposed Action with Route Modifications. The selected route modifications crossing lands managed by the BHNF are as follows: Modification 3c, Clinton; Modification 3d, Edelweiss; Modification 3f, Pactola South; Modification 3i, Deerfield 2; and a combination of Modifications 3g, Hidden Valley, and 3i, Ponderosa Ridge, in the Sun Ridge Road area.

The development and analysis of this project was completed pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The Project is subject to the Forest Service predecisional objection regulation at 36 CFR 218, Subpart B. The objection filing period will end 45 days following the publication date of this legal notice in the Rapid City Journal, Rapid City, South Dakota. This legal notice is the exclusive means for calculating the time to file an objection. Those wishing to file an objection should not rely on dates or timeframe information provided by any other source.

Written objections may be submitted to: USDA Forest Service, Region 2, Objection Reviewing Officer, ATTN: Ken Tu, 740 Simms St., Golden, CO 80401. Objections may be hand-delivered between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on Federal business days. Objections may be faxed to 303-275-5134, or may be submitted in electronic form to: r02admin_review@fs.fed.us (the second and third characters are zero-two). The subject line should contain the name of the project. An automated response will normally confirm electronic receipt of an objection. However, if a person filing an objection does not receive such a response it is their responsibility to ensure their objection is received in a timely manner. Electronic objections must be readable in MS Word, Rich Text Format (rtf), or pdf format.

Written objections will be accepted only from those who previously submitted specific written comments on the proposal during scoping or other designated public comment opportunities. Issues raised in any objection must be based on those previously submitted timely specific written comments on the proposal, unless based on new information arising after designated comment opportunities.

Any objection must meet the following minimum content requirements (36 CFR 218.8): 1) name and address of objector (36 CFR 218.2), with telephone number if available; 2) signature or other verification of authorship upon request (a scanned signature for electronic email may be filed with the objection); 3) when multiple names are listed on an objection, identification of the lead objector (36 CFR 218.2); 4) the name of the proposed project, name and title of the responsible official, and the name(s) of the national forest(s) and/or ranger district(s) on which the proposed project will be implemented; 5) a description of aspects of the proposal addressed by the objection, including specific issues related to the proposal; how the objector believes the analysis and draft decision violate law, regulation or policy, if applicable; suggested remedies that would resolve the objection; supporting reasons for the reviewing officer to consider; and, 6) a statement demonstrating the connection between prior specific written comments on the proposal and the content of the objection (unless the objection concerns an issue that arose after the designated opportunities for comment).

Any objection including attachments must be filed within 45 days of the date this notice is published in the Rapid City Journal. It is the objector's responsibility to ensure timely filing with the reviewing officer. Timeliness will be determined by the following factors: 1) the date of the US Postal Service postmark for an objection received before the close of the fifth business day after the objection filing period; 2) the agency's electronically generated posted date and time for email and facsimiles; 3) the shipping date for delivery by private carrier for an objection received before the close of the fifth business day after the objection filing period; or, 4) the official agency date stamp showing receipt of hand delivery.

Any decision on this project will not be appealable under 36 CFR 215 or any other authority. The responsible official for that portion of the proposal crossing the BHNF is Craig Bobzien, Forest Supervisor, Black Hills National Forest. For more information on this project, or to obtain a copy of the FEIS and draft ROD, contact team leader Ed Fischer at (605) 673-9207.

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